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P A R A P H R A S E  
ON  
G E N E S I S,  
C H A P. I.

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1. IN the beginning  
God (*Elohim*) created the  
heavens and the earth.

2. And the earth was  
without form and void,  
and darkness was upon the  
face of the deep, and the  
Spirit of God moved upon  
the face of the waters.

3. And God (*Elohim*)  
said, Let there be Light,  
and there was Light.

4. And God (*Elohim*)  
saw the light that it was

1. IN the most Ancient  
time the Lord (*as to Di-  
vine truth*) Regenerated the  
Internal and thereby the  
External of Man.

2. As to the external,  
therein was not any thing  
good or true, but it was  
enwrapt in falsehoods aris-  
ing from evil Lusts and  
Concupiscences; still the  
Divine Influx brooded o-  
ver the Remains of good  
and truth in the internal.

3. And the Lord gave  
the understanding of truth,  
and the truth was received.

4. And the Lord con-  
joined himself to truth,

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whereby



good. And God (*Elohim*) divided between the light and between the darkness.

5. And God (*Elohim*) called the light day, and the darkness he called night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

6. And God (*Elohim*) said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

7. And God (*Elohim*) made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament, and it was so.

8. And God (*Elohim*) called the firmament, Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

whereby it became elevated to Good, and the Lord enabled to discern ~~be-~~  
~~corn~~ between truths and between falses.

5 And the Lord gave to discern the Quality of truths, that they were from himself, and that falses were from hell. And this progression from Shade to Light was the first Stage of Regeneration.

6. And the Lord gave a perception of the existence of an Internal in Man, whence a distinction would be made between Sciences and Knowledges.

7. And the Lord operated to open the Internal Man, whereby a due separation was made between the Sciences of the External Man and the Knowledges of the Internal; and the Internal was opened.

8. And the Lord gave to know that the Internal Man was of a Heavenly nature. And this Progress-



9. And God (*Elohim*) said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10. And God (*Elohim*) called the dry land, Earth, and the gathering together of the waters, called he Seas. And God (*Elohim*) saw that it was good,

11. And God (*Elohim*) said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit-tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself upon the earth. And it was so.

12. And the earth

gression from Shade to Light was the second stage of Regeneration.

9. And the Lord gave a perception, that the Knowledges which descend by Influx from the Internal to the external Man ought to be stored up in the memory, and that natural Good might manifest itself: and these things were done.

10. And the Lord gave to know the Quality of Natural Good, that it might become the ultimate recipient form, the same also with Knowledges and Scientifics. And the Lord conjoined himself unto Good.

11. And the Lord gave a perception that the external Man ought to be prepared to receive Natural, Spiritual, and Celestial truths in their order, and it was so prepared.

12. And the External Man produced Natural, Spi-

herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself after his kind. And God (*Elohim*) saw that it was good.

13. And the evening and the morning were the third day.

14. And God (*Elohim*) said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and for years.

15. And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth. And it was so.

16. And God (*Elohim*) made two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, \* the stars also.

Spiritual, and Celestial truths in their order, and the Lord conjoined himself unto Good.

13 And this progression from Shade to Light was the third State of Regeneration.

14. And the Lord gave a perception that the truths which belonged to the Internal Man made a separation between those things which are of the Lord, and those things which are of Hell. And thereby a discernment of States of Love and Faith in general, and in particular.

15. And that the truths proper to the Internal Man would flow into and illuminate the External. And these things were effected.

16. And the Lord operated to produce the Good of truth, and the Truth of Good. The Good of truth to dispose all things into order which are from

\* Our Translation reads *he made* the Stars also, but the words *he made* are not in the Original Hebrew.



himself; and the Truth of Good to subjugate all which is from Hell, as well as the Knowledges of Good and truth.

17. And God (*Elohim*) set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth.

17. And the Lord placed them in the Internal Man to illuminate the External.

18. And to rule over the day and over the night. And to divide the light from the darkness. And God (*Elohim*) saw that it was good.

18. And to lead in states of Good, and to direct in states of Evil, and to make a due separation between truth and falsehood. And the Lord conjoined himself to Good.

19. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

19. And this progression from shade to light was the fourth stage of Regeneration.

20. And God (*Elohim*) said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

20. And the Lord gave a perception that the truth of the Natural Man might be reduced to use, and Intellectual things become elevated above the external, yea above the Internal to the Lord himself.

21. And God (*Elohim*) created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters

21. And the Lord Regenerated man as to his Scientifics, first Universally, and then as to their abun-

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brought forth abundantly after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God (*Elohim*) saw that it was good.

22. And God (*Elohim*) blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fowl multiply in the earth.

23. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24. And God (*Elohim*) said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25. And God (*Elohim*) made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle

abundant particulars in their order; and every intellectual truth in their order. And the Lord conjoined himself to Good.

22. And the Lord according to the state, filled with heaven and himself, and gave a perception that the Good and truth could fructify and multiply, and flow into the Sciences, the ultimate forms of truth. And that Intellectual things might also multiply when applied to Life by the External Man.

23. And this progression from Shade to Light was the fifth state of Regeneration.

24. And the Lord gave a perception that the External Man ought to do Good works whether from ~~Celestial~~ Spiritual, Sensual, or Natural Origin, because they are Good. And works were so done.

25. And the Lord operated to produce a Regulation in the affections, whether



after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind. And God saw that it was good.

26. And God (*Elohim*) said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27. So God (*Elohim*) created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them.

28. And God (*Elohim*) blessed them, and God (*Elohim*) said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and sub-

ther of a Natural, Spiritual, or Sensual kind. And the Lord conjoined himself to Good.

26. And the Lord, by means of divine truths from himself, gave a perception, that by a life according to intelligence and wisdom derived from the word, the spiritual degree might be opened, corresponding to the celestial, which would reduce into order all scientifics, intellectual things, spiritual things, the whole external man, and every sensuality thereof.

27. And the Lord regenerated man as to intelligence and wisdom in the spiritual degree, he regenerated him as to his understanding and thereby as to his will.

28. And the Lord according to the capacity filled with himself and heaven. And the Lord gave a perception that the  
good

due it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29. And God (*Elohim*) said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed, to you it shall be for meat.

30. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meats: and it was so.

31. And God (*Elohim*) saw every thing that he had made, and behold it

good and truth united in the spiritual degree, was capable of fructifying and multiplying, and flowing into the external, and by withstanding the evils thereof to tame it, whereby will be reduced to order scientifics, intellectual things, and all sensualities.

29. And the Lord gave a perception that all natural truths which regard use might be at the service of the spiritual man, and that all the good of faith and every truth of faith might be his proper support and nourishment.

30. And also of every affection of the natural man, and every intellectual principle, and every sensuality wherein there is any use; and also that every science might be at the service of the natural man, and these things were all effected.

31. And the Lord conjoined himself to all which proceeded from himself the only

was very good. And the only God. And this pro-  
 evening and the morning greffion from shade to light  
 were the sixth day. was the sixth state of rege-  
 neration.

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